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STATEMENTS

SUBMITTED BY THE

Court of Nizamut Adawlut,

RELATIVE TO THE

Administration of Criminal Justice

IN THE

TERRITORIES.

SUBJECT TO

THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

DURING THE YEAR

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FROM THE REGISTER OF THE NIZAMUT ADAWLUT,

To F. J. HALLIDAY, Esq.,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal,
in the Judicial Department.

FORT WILLIAM, THE 12TH AUGUST, 1842.

SIR,

I am directed to request that you will submit for the consideration of the Hon'ble the Deputy Governor of Bengal, the accompanying Statements respecting the administration of Criminal Justice in the Lower Provinces for the year 1841, viz.

Nizamut Adawlut.
PRESENT:
C. Tucker, Esq., Judge.

No. 1. Statement of the number of persons brought to trial, acquitted and convicted in the year 1841, by the Magistrates, Joint Magistrates and Assistants, and the Sudder Ameens and Law Officers in the Lower Provinces, and the number committed to take their trial at the Sessions.

Supplement to Statement No. 1, showing the details of columns 4, 6 and 7 of Statement No. 1.

No. 2. Statement showing the number of persons brought to trial, acquitted and convicted in the year 1841, by the Sessions Courts in the Lower Provinces and the number of persons whose cases were referred to the Nizamut Adawlut.

Supplement to No. 2, showing the number of persons tried in the year 1841, by each Session Judge.

No. 3. Statement showing the number of persons whose cases were referred to the Nizamut Adawlut by the Sessions Courts in the Lower Provinces during the year 1841, and the manner in which they were disposed of.

No. 4. Statements of the results of the revisions of cases called for by the Nizamut Adawlut on a perusal of the Monthly Abstracts, or by order on petitions of appeals, showing also the orders of the Nizamut Adawlut in modification or reversal of the sentence of the Sessions Courts on persons implicated in cases referred under Clause 3, Section 4, Regulation IX, 1831.

No. 5. Statement showing the number of appeals preferred to the Nizamut Adawlut from sentences passed by the Commissioners of Circuit and Sessions Judges in criminal trials, and from orders passed by the Sessions Judges in criminal

trials originally disposed of by the Magistrates during the year 1841, with the orders passed thereon, together with an Abstract Statement of criminal trials decided and disposed of during the same year.

No. 6. Statement showing the number of appeals preferred to the Sessions Courts during the year 1841, from the orders of the Magistrates and Joint Magistrates in the Lower Provinces in criminal trials as well as in miscellaneous cases.

No 7. Statement of summary suits under Act IV. of 1840, disposed of in the Lower Provinces in the year 1841.

No. 8. Statement of the number of cases disposed of by the Principal Sudder Ameens, Sudder Ameens and Law Officers of the Lower Provinces in the year 1841.

No. 9. Statement shewing the number of persons in confinement in the Lower Provinces in the year 1841, in default of security for good conduct, and the number whose cases were revised by the Sessions Courts during the year.

No. 10. Statement of criminal cases tried with the assistance of Natives under Regulation VI. of 1832, in the Lower Provinces, in the year 1841.

No. 11. Statement of the sentences passed by the several Criminal Courts in the Lower Provinces in the year 1841.

2. The Court of Nizamut Adawlut was closed for 126 days during the past year. The business of the Court was transacted during the year by the following Judges, as already reported in my letter No. 1726 of the 20th May last, submitting the Civil Statement for the same period.

Mr. R. H. Rattray, throughout the year.
„ C. Tucker, ditto.
„ E. Lee Warner, ditto, with the exception of 15 days, during which he was absent on leave.
„ J. F. M. Reid, throughout the year.
„ A. Dick, ditto, with the exception of one month and 16 days, during which he was absent on leave.
„ R. Barlow, from the middle of January to the close of the year.
„ J. Shaw, from the middle of October to the close of the year.
„ D. C. Smyth, from the commencement of the year to the 20th July.

3. It will be seen on reference to Statement No. 5, that the business in the Nizamut Adawlut was much the same during the past year as in the year preceding. The number of cases pending at the close of the year had been somewhat reduced.

4. The Court proceed to notice the manner in which the several District authorities have conducted the duties of their respective Courts, which will be best done by placing before the Government extract from the Court's Resolution on the Annual Returns from each District.

Behar.

5. The proportion of the acquittals to convictions is satisfactory.

The result of the commitments from the orders of the Magistrates, is creditable to the judgment of the committing Officer.

Magistrate's Court.

The Hon'ble E Drummond and Mr. J. Reid. The former Officer was the Magistrate and the latter Joint Magistrate The Hon'ble Mr. Drummond was absent during the latter part of the year, and Mr. Reid was appointed to officiate.

Sessions Court.

Mr. H. B. Brownlow, from 1st to 19th January,
Mr. C Garstin, from 19th January to 26th October,
and Mr. W. St. Quintin, from 26th October to the close of the year.

The Court have perused with great satisfaction the opinion recorded by the Session Judge of Messrs. Drummond and Reid, the Magistrate and Joint Magistrate of this District. They are both very efficient and zealous Officers, and the general state of the District as shown by the Returns and Reports now before the Court, is highly to their credit.

The Principal Sudder Ameens have rendered good service during the year in the disposal of Criminal cases.

The Court have much reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the duties of the Sessions Court have been conducted by Mr. Garstin.

Patna.

6. The Statements in regard to the proportion of convictions to acquittals and to the results of the commitments to the Sessions Court are considered to be generally satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. J. A. O Farquharson, acting Magistrate.

Sessions Court.

Mr. A. Smelt, Sessions Judge.

No appeals were preferred from the orders of the Session Judge, nor were any cases called for by the Nizamut Adawlut during the year 1841, which is creditable to Mr. Smelt.

The Statements and Report now before the Court show that Criminal justice has been promptly and efficiently administered during the past year in this District by Messrs. Farquharson and Trotter, respectively, the Magistrate and Joint Magistrate of the District.

The Court have much reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the duties of the Sessions have been conducted by Mr. Smelt. His trials have been well conducted, and his Statements carefully prepared.

Sarun.

7. The proportion of convictions to acquittals as compared with the years 1839 and 1840, is very satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. W. Luke was Magistrate until 3d December, when Mr. R. N. Farquharson received charge

Mr G. D. Wilkins, Joint Magistrate. He was absent on leave from 6th November to 31st December, during which Mr. Broadhurst officiated.

Sessions Court.

Mr. G. Gough, Session Judge.

The result of appeals from the decisions of the Magistrate is satisfactory on the whole, though the number of reversals in regular appeals appears somewhat large.

* The Statement in the margin* shows the number of persons apprehended, acquitted and convicted in "Heinous Crimes" as well as in "Petty Offences" The proportion of acquittals to convictions being the same as it was in 1840, but it is far better than in 1839.

* Heinous Crimes,		526
Apprehended,	451	
Acquitted,	178	
Convicted,	221	
Petty offences,		377
Apprehended,	833	
Acquitted,	302	
Convicted,	510	

The Statement for the Joint Magistracy of Chumparun of persons apprehended, convicted and acquitted in "Heinous Crimes" as well as in "Petty offences," noted at paragraph 14* of the Session Judge's Report, calls for no particular remark.

With reference to the Statement of appeals, the Court observe that as in the case of the Sarun Magistracy the number of reversals in regular appeals is large.

The results of the commitments for Sarun and Chumparun are very satisfactory, evincing much judgment on the part of the committing Officers.

* 'In consequence of the very short period Mr. Farquharson has been in charge of the Sarun Magistracy, that Officer has been unable to furnish any Report in submitting his Statements. Few remarks, however, are called for. The Statements evince an improvement in the administration of Criminal justice in this District during the past year, and are altogether satisfactory and creditable to Mr. Luke's exertions, especially when it is considered that that Officer was burdened with the duties of his Collectorate, and moreover, generally speaking, suffering from bad health.'

The Court concur with the Session Judge in the remarks contained at the conclusion of the 28th* paragraph of his Report, which are much to the credit of Mr. Luke, the late Magistrate of Sarun.

* 'Mr Wilkins, the Joint Magistrate of Chumparun, has submitted the accompanying letter with his Statements, which I beg leave to forward for the Court's information The Chumparun Statements are also very satisfactory, and I have much pleasure in again recording the high opinion I entertain of Mr. Wilkins as an active, energetic and intelligent Officer.'

The Remarks contained at the 29th* paragraph of the Session Judge's Report are highly to the credit of Mr. Wilkins, who is a very zealous and meritorious Officer.

The Report of the Session Judge is a clear and satisfactory document. The duties of the Sessions Court were very efficiently conducted by Mr. Gough. His trials were well conducted and his Statements correctly prepared.

Shahabad.

8. The proportion of convictions to acquittals is considered, by the Court, to be satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. H. C. Bagge was Magistrate until 31st August, Mr. G. Martin from 31st August to 8th September, Mr T. C Trotter from 8th September to 18th October, and Mr E. F. Radcliffe from 18th October to the close of the year.

The result of the commitments is considered satisfactory.

Sessions Court.

Mr. W. S Alexander was Officiating Session Judge throughout the year, with the exception of one month when he was absent on leave.

With reference to the result of appeals from the decisions of the Magistrates, the Court consider the number of orders reversed or modified to be large, but they observe that the greater number of the appeals were from the orders of the late Mr. Bagge.

No appeals from the decisions of the Magistrate were pending at the close of 1840, a circumstance very satisfactory and creditable to Mr. Alexander the Session Judge.

The Court are perfectly satisfied with the administration of Civil justice in Shahabad during the past year, and consider that the duties of the Magistracy have been very efficiently discharged by Mr. Radcliffe, and those of the Sessions Court by Mr. Alexander.

Bhagulpore.

9. Mr. H. F. James was Magistrate of the District during the past year.

The Magistrate should have stated his reasons for not employing the Principal Sudder Ameen in the disposal of Criminal business, as the services of that Officer should be taken advantage of in the Criminal Department whenever practicable. He should also have stated his opinion as to the manner in which the Law Officer conducted the duties that were assigned to him. The quantity of work disposed of by that Officer as well as the result of the appeals from his decisions, are considered to be satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr H F. James, Magistrate.

Mr. Lautour, Joint Magistrate, from 1st to 9th January, Mr Vansittart from 9th January to 20th October, Mr. D. Cunliffe from 20th October to 20th December, when Mr. Vansittart again took charge and continued till the end of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr R. Williams conducted the duties of the Sessions Court until 10th March, when Mr. H. B. Brownlow assumed charge and continued till 1st September, on which date Mr F. Gouldsbury relieved him.

The Criminal business actually pending in this District on the 31st December last, is considered heavy.

The Court concur with the Session Judge in the observations at the 7th* paragraph of his Report, that if the provisions of Act IV. 1840 were more frequently resorted to, the number of offences attended with breaches of the peace would be reduced.

* 'Only three summary suits under Act IV. of 1840 were instituted during the year, which is a matter of surprize considering the extent of the District and the numerous disputes connected with land: were the provisions of this enactment more frequently resorted to, it might have the effect of reducing the number of offences attended with breaches of the peace, of which no less than 353 occurred during the past year, for which 676 individuals were brought to trial.'

The manner in which persons under trial for heinous and petty offences, in the Joint Magistracy of Monghyr, were dealt with, as shown by the marginal Statement at paragraph 12 of the Session Judge's Report, is considered to be satisfactory.

Heinous Offences,		959
Apprehended,		795
Convicted,	478	
Acquitted,	245	
Committed,	67	
Pending,	11	
Petty Offences,		965
Apprehended,		1592
Convicted,	1205	
Acquitted,	378	
Committed,	0	
Pending,	29	

The following observations recorded by Mr. Vansittart in regard to the exertions of Mr. Cunliffe, the Joint Magistrate, and Mahomed Rafiq, the Sudder Ameen, are highly creditable to those Officers:—"In Mr. Cunliffe I find united to patience and perseverance a

zeal and ardour in executing his duties which deserve the highest commendation." "Moolvee Mahomed Rafiq Khan is certainly a good Officer and possesses justly a high character amongst his countrymen."

The result of the appeals from the orders of the Joint Magistrates has been fully stated by the Session Judge in the following paragraph of his Report, in the remarks contained in which the Court generally concur.

"The following Statement shows the number and result of the appeals from the orders of the several Officers who had charge of the Joint Magistracy of Monghyr, which came before this Court during the past year.

Names.	Pending of 1840.	Preferred in 1841.	Called for in 1841.	Total.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Pending on 1st January 1842.
Mr. W. T. Trotter, ...	4	11	10	25	20	5	0
„ E. Lautour, ...	22	81	28	131	98	33	0
„ W. Vansittart, ...	0	85	14	99	56	33	10
„ D. Cunliffe, ...	0	24	9	33	5	10	18
Total,.....	26	201	61	288	179	81	28

The result of Mr. Trotter's decisions is satisfactory, and so is that of the appeals from Messrs. Lautour and Vansittart, but in Mr. Cunliffe's case, the reversals are in the proportion of 2 to 1 to the confirmations—such of Mr. Vansittart's proceedings as came before me in appeal, evince zeal, but a zeal, not always tempered with discretion, as some hasty and inconsiderate orders came under my observation. I have noticed with satisfaction the readiness which Mr. Vansittart has evinced to attend to any suggestions from his official superiors, and his promptness in complying with all instructions issued from this Court."

They also concur with the Sessions Judge in observing that the result of Mr. James' commitments, as also of the commitments made by the Joint Magistrates of Monghyr, Mr. Vansittart excepted, cannot be considered to be satisfactory.

The Court concur in the remarks made by the Sessions Judge in regard to the proceedings of Mr. James, the Magistrate of Bhagulpore, who though zealous and active, appears to have shown a great want of judgment in many of his orders. The Court expect to see an improvement in this respect in the future proceedings of Mr. James.

Messrs. Vansittart and Cunliffe have discharged the duties of the Joint Magistracy of Monghyr in a satisfactory and creditable manner.

The duties of the Sessions Court were very efficiently performed by Messrs. Brownlow and Gouldsbury. The Court have great confidence in Mr. Gouldsbury's experience and judgment, and are satisfied that he will do all in his power to improve the administration of Criminal Justice in the Districts under his control.

Tirhoot.

10. The proportion of convictions to acquittals appears to be satisfactory, and shows a marked improvement upon the results in the preceding year.

The Court concur in the Session Judge's remarks respecting the commitments.

Magistrate's Court.
Mr E. A. Samuells, Magistrate.
Sessions Court.
Mr. A. Grant, Sessions Judge.

'The result of commitments to the Sessions Court is also, I think, upon the whole satisfactory. Of 150 persons who were tried, 89 were convicted and sentenced, 16 referred to the Nizamut Adawlut, and 45 acquitted. The number of persons acquitted does, it is true, appear large, but a close inspection of the Returns shows that this is owing, in a great measure, to the large proportion of prisoners committed in several of the cases in which the evidence was not considered sufficient for conviction. Of the 45 persons acquitted, no less than 88 were committed in 7 cases, and the total number of cases in which acquittals were pronounced was only 13, although the number of cases tried during the year was 54. I should notice also, in justice to the Magistrate, that in committing 3 of these 13 cases he had no option, 2 having been committed (the charge perjury) by order of the Additional Judge upon evidence although insufficient for conviction, and the 3d being an old case in which the prisoner had only lately been apprehended, others having formerly been punished by the Sessions Court upon the same evidence. Upon the whole, I have no hesitation in saying that I consider Mr. Samuells to have evinced his usual discretion and judgment in the commitments of the past year.'

The Court consider the remarks of the Sessions Judge, paragraph 5 of his Report regarding persons apprehended and tried by the Magistrate, to be satisfactory.

'From the Magistrate's Returns, and from the cases which have come under my own observation, I am enabled to state with considerable confidence, that no persons have been detained for any unusual time in Jail previous to final orders being passed by the Magistrate, but on the contrary, that cases have been regularly brought to trial with as great celerity as was compatible with the collection of the necessary evidence.'

The opinion of the Sessions Judge recorded at the conclusion of paragraph 7 of his Report regarding Mr. Samuells' decisions, is very creditable to that Officer.

'With regard to the numerous decisions of Mr. Samuells which have come before me, the fact that I confirmed more than 3-4ths of them speaks very favorably, and I can add that if it were allowable in a report of this nature to go further into details, the result would, so far as I am capable of forming a judgment, be still more creditable to him than the mere Numerical Statement.'

The Native Judges and Law Officers appear to have afforded efficient aid to the Magistrate in the disposal of petty cases.

'As counterbalancing the above unsatisfactory statement, I feel assured that the Court will turn with satisfaction to the high state of order to which the District has been brought in regard to offences of open violence There has not been a single case of dacoity or highway robbery throughout the year, and only one case of affray attended with violence This last, with 6 cases of simple affray, are the only instances of offences of open violence which have occurred. In order to show the gradual but great improvement in this respect since the present Magistrate, Mr. Samuells, took charge of the District, I have noted in the margin the number of cases of affray, serious and simple, which have taken place during the last three years.'

	1839	1840	1841.
Affrays with homicide,	3	none.	none.
Ditto with violent breach of the peace,	6	4	1
Simple affray,	17	11	6

The observation of the Session Judge at the 11th paragraph of his Report falls more within the province of the Superintendent of Police, but the Court think it due to Mr. Samuells to express their opinion of his zealous and meritorious services in the suppression of crimes of the

nature therein specified, the Statement as given at the conclusion of the above paragraph is highly to the credit of Mr. Samuells.

The Court fully concur with the Session Judge in the following remarks: "It is hardly necessary that I should offer an opinion upon the conduct or qualifications of the present Magistrate, Mr. Samuells, has established so high a character, that any praise I could bestow would seem almost superfluous. I may however bear testimony to the manner in which he has, during the year under review, most thoroughly maintained that character, by unwearied assiduity in the performance of his important duties, thereby producing the very creditable results now submitted to the Court, the effect of his unaided management of this large District."

The Court have observed with pleasure the exertions made by Mr. Grant to regain the good opinion of the Court and of Government. He has conducted the duties of his Court during the past year much to the satisfaction of the Court, and they trust that they may never have occasion to make any remark in any way reflecting upon his official character. His Report is a very clear and creditable document, and fully supported in its conclusions by the figured Returns.

Purneah.

Magistrate's Court.

Messrs C. T. Davidson, W. T. Taylor and G. Martin were successively in charge of the Magistrate's Office.

Sessions Court.

Mr. J. F. Cathcart, Session Judge. He was on leave for two months.

11. Judging from the several Returns the duties of the Magistracy and Sessions Court were efficiently performed by Messrs. Taylor and Cathcart, respectively, the Magistrate and Session Judge of the District, during the period under review.

Dinagepore.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr R. C. Halkett (deceased) was Magistrate at the commencement of the year. Mr. A. G. Macdonald took charge of the Office on 13th February, and was relieved by Mr. Lautour on the 12th April.

Mr. W. Bell, Joint Magistrate, was absent on leave from 20th July to 20th November, during which time Mr L. J. H. Grey officiated.

Sessions Court.

Mr. J. Grant, Session Judge, was on leave from 23d March to 19th May, during which period Messrs. E. Lautour and A. Macdonald acted for him.

12. The Court are satisfied with the manner in which the duties of the Joint Magistracy of Malda, connected with the administration of Criminal justice, have been performed by Mr. Bell. As the Court have recommended a special enquiry in regard to the District of Dinagepore, they abstain from any further remarks at present.

Rajshahye.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr T. C. Loch, Magistrate.

Mr Allen was in charge of the Joint Magistracy from 1st January to the middle of June, and Mr. H. Atherton from that time till the end of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr. C. G. Udny, Session Judge.

13. The proportion of convictions to acquittals is satisfactory.

The result of the appeals from the Magistrate's decision is also satisfactory.

With reference to the commitments the Court consider the number of acquittals to be rather large.

The following remarks of the Magistrate regarding Mr. Fletcher the Assistant and the Native Judges, are very creditable to those Officers: "Mr. Fletcher as long as he remained in the District gave me great assistance and every satisfaction in the way he investigated the cases made over to him." "The Native Judges* have performed their duties satisfactorily. The Principal Sudder Ameen and Sudder Ameen have too many acquittals in proportion to convictions, but the cases that have come before me show that they have taken great pains in the investigation."

* Moolvee Abdool Ullee, Principal Sudder Ameen.
Ram Komar Chowdhree, Sudder Ameen.
Moolvee Muzhureel Huq, Law Officer.

The Court concur with the Session Judge that the Statements show a state of things creditable to Mr. Loch, with whose administration as Magistrate the Court have much reason to be satisfied.

In the Joint Magistracy of Pubna, the proportion of convictions to acquittals is satisfactory.

The Court entirely concur in the opinion expressed at the 34th paragraph of the Session Judge's Report.

'The duties of the Joint Magistracy, which are exceedingly heavy, have been efficiently and satisfactorily performed by the several Officers employed in the administration of Criminal Justice It will be observed that since the 19th of October 1841, the Joint Magistrate has had, unaided, to conduct the whole of the Criminal and Revenue business of the District. The proposal of Mr. Atherton to vest the Moonsiff of Pubna with power in Criminal cases would be productive only of partial and inadequate relief, and I am of opinion that for a District so notoriously troublesome as Pubna, an Assistant with special powers should be permanently allotted.'

Rungpore.

14. The proportion of convictions to acquittals is satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr R. P Harrison was Magistrate until 23d March, when Mr. Dick received charge of his Office and continued in it until 10th December, on which date Mr L J H. Grey was appointed, who conducted the duties till the end of the year.

Mr G F Cockburn was in charge of the Joint Magistracy until 25th October, when Mr R C. Raikes relieved him and continued until 13th December, on which date Mr G. C. Fletcher took charge, who continued till the end of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr T. Wyatt, Session Judge

With reference to the concluding remarks at paragraph 13 of the Session Judge's Report in regard to the institution of suits under Act IV. 1840, the Court are not aware of any legal objection to such local enquiries by the Police, though they should be resorted to as seldom as possible with reference to the heavy duties the Police have to perform.

'Cases, generally, under Act IV. of 1840, do not remain pending beyond three months The Act has given rise to the institution of 43 suits during the year, as many of these cases involving the point of previous possession cannot be determined without local enquiry; in the first instance, the Magistrate appears, from want of time, to be obliged to employ the Darogah to institute Mofussil investigation before deciding these suits, a duty, which, while I do not think these Officers are always qualified to perform, I do not know how far is authorized by the Law.'

The Statement of appeals is generally satisfactory.

The Court concur with the Session Judge that the result of the commitments evinces the exercise of a sound judgment on the part of the committing Officers, more particularly of Mr. Dick, who committed the larger number of cases.

'*Syed Sudder-ool Hossein, Principal Sudder Ameen.*

Number of cases decided,	434
Appeals preferred,	41
Confirmed,	30
Modified or reversed,	11

Moolvee Muenooddeen Sufdur, Sudder Ameen.

Number of cases decided,	521
Appeals preferred,	50
Confirmed,	34
Modified or reversed,	16

Mohwee Irfan Allee, Law Officer.

Number of cases decided,	335
Appeals preferred,	45
Confirmed,	23
Modified or reversed,	22

'In the cases which I have reviewed in appeal, where they have been previously referred to the Officers subordinate to the Magistrate for investigations and decisions, as also, for their opinion on certain cases after enquiry, I beg to add my testimony to that of Mr. Grey, in favor of Moolvee Muenooddeen Sufdur, as to the great industry and expedition employed by him in the disposal of or reporting on the cases referred to him and the excellent judgment (from his past experience, in Criminal business, shrewd knowledge of the native character and the animosity by which the Natives are often influenced in the preferment of false complaints) by which his decisions and opinions were influenced. The Principal Sudder Ameen and Mahomedan Law Officer are also valuable co adjutors; their enquiries, generally, appearing full in quest of the attainment of truth and their decisions founded on correct data.'

The Statement given at paragraph 16th of the Session Judge's Report is creditable to the industry and judgment of the Native Uncovenanted Officers, especially of the Principal Sudder Ameen and Sudder Ameen; and the remarks of the Session Judge in the following paragraph are equally to their credit.

The Court concur with the Session Judge that the proportion of convictions to acquittals, in the Joint Magistracy of Buggoorah, does not appear favorable. The result of the commitments (chiefly by Mr. Cockburn) is satisfactory and creditable to his judgment.

'In conclusion I beg to express my satisfaction at the manner in which Messrs. Harrison and Dick as Magistrates of Rungpore, and Mr. Cockburn for the most part as acting Joint Magistrate of Bograh, (for the greater part of last year) have fulfilled their criminal duties during 1841. Mr Harrison seemed strict and was an intelligent and able Officer. Mr. Dick was zealous and active, extremely desirous of doing his duty, and in the whole, evinced good judgment, in the general discharge of the heavy criminal business of this District. Mr. Cockburn (with the exceptions,* I have considered it necessary to notice in the 28th paragraph of this letter) seems to have well exercised the criminal powers with which he has been invested as Joint Magistrate of Bograh, and on gaining more experience, will prove a highly efficient Magistrate.'

* It is my duty, however, to observe that in the course of trying the appeals from this officer's decisions, he appeared to have exceeded his powers in some few cases, convicted on mere suspicion in one case, while other decisions seemed to betray a want of patience and due consideration in the punishment of offenders.

The Court concur with the Session Judge in the remarks recorded by him in regard to the manner in which Messrs. Harrison and Dick, the Magistrates of Rungpore, and Mr. Cockburn, the Joint Magistrate of Buggoorah, have conducted the administration of Criminal Justice in their respective Districts. The results of the Returns now before the Court, as well as the Report of the Sessions Judge, are much to the credit of those Officers.

Sylhet.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. G. Plowden was Magistrate until July, when Mr. Sealy received charge and continued till the end of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr. W. H. Martin, Session Judge.

15. The Court concur with the Session Judge in considering the proportion of convictions to acquittals in heinous and petty offences, to be satisfactory.

The result of the commitments is good, and creditable to the discretion and judgment of the Magistrate Mr. Sealy.

The Statement given at paragraph 7 of the Session Judge's Report, as well as the remarks which follow, are highly creditable to the Principal Sudder Ameen, Sudder Ameen and Law Officers.

The criminal business of the District has been satisfactorily conducted by the Magistrate Mr. Sealy, who has evidently paid great attention to his duties. There was no arrear of work, and the cases brought before the Magistrate appear to have been promptly disposed of.

The Session duties were creditably performed by the Session Judge, Mr. Martin. His trials were well conducted, and his Statements carefully prepared.

	Appeal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.
P. S Ameen,	75	61	9	5
S. Ameen, ...	53	42	3	8
Cazee, ...	88	71	7	10
Pundit,.....	25	17	4	4
Assessor, ...	1	1	0	0
	242	192	23	27

'The above speaks highly for the manner in which the Native Officers have conducted their duties and the quantity as well as quality of their work, is very satisfactory.' The number of acquittals by the Principal Sudder Ameen and Sudder Ameen is large, and this point will be brought to their notice, but in all cases of appeal before me they have shown great care and patience in their investigations, and generally very good judgment in their decisions. The Cazee has performed the most work having had most leisure—and from his decisions there have been most appeals and most reversals or modifications. The reason of this is that being an Officer somewhat new to his duties, he does not sometimes investigate cases with the necessary patience—his judgment is good and he is very willing and will turn out after a little more experience a first rate Officer. The Pundit having been pensioned and having never myself had any appeals from him, I am unable to give any opinion on his decisions.'

Mymensingh.

16. The proportion of convictions to acquittals is satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. J. Wheler was Magistrate until 3d June, when Mr. Littledale assumed charge and continued till the end of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr. W. Onslow, Sessions Judge.

The Court consider the opinion of the Officiating Magistrate regarding the service done by the Native Judges creditable to the several Officers, viz., Jelaladeen Mahomed, Principal Sudder Ameen, Moolvee Ausaf Allee, Sudder Ameen, and Moolvee Suduck Ahmed, Law Officer.

Of the Magistrate, Mr. Littledale, the Session Judge reports that he is a painstaking and well meaning Officer, but he wants activity. The Court observe that these remarks apply more to the Magistrate as an Officer of Police, in regard to the administration of Criminal Justice; they remark that Mr. Littledale appears to have conducted his duties generally with correctness, though occasional instances of a want of judgment on his part have been noticed by the Session Judge.

The Court have much reason to be satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Onslow has conducted the duties of the Sessions Court. His trials have been well conducted and his periodical Statements carefully prepared.

Tipperah.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. A. S Annand, Magistrate

Mr R B Garrett was Joint Magistrate until 15th February, when he was relieved by Mr. Young, who made over charge of the office on 16th June to Mr. Wheler.

Sessions Court.

Mr. Cardew, Session Judge.

17. The proportion of acquittals to convictions in 1841 exceeds that of 1840 before the Magistrate, but before the Subordinate Officers the proportion of acquittals is rather less. Taking into account the number of commitments, the Court consider the general results to be satisfactory.

The quantity of business pending is very satisfactory, showing that there is no unnecessary delay in the disposal of cases brought before the Magistrate.

The following remarks of the Session Judge are creditable to the Sudder Ameen Moolvee Mahomed Nazim and the Cazee Moolvee Gholam Yahyah:—"This Officer has given me every satisfaction, he is intelligent and industrious. The Cazee is a very good, hard working, steady Officer, and I have no reason to alter the opinion expressed regarding him in this Statement for 1839."

The result of the commitments is very creditable to the judgment of the Magistrate Mr. Annand.

The general result of the appeals from the orders of the Magistrate is considered to be satisfactory.

The proportion of convictions to acquittals, in the Joint Magistracy of Noacolly, is, on the whole, satisfactory.

The Statement of commitments to the Sessions Court, the majority of which were made by the late Joint Magistrate Mr. Young, does not, on the whole, show a very good result.

	Mr. Garrett.	*Mr. Wheler.*	*Mr. Young.*
Appeals ...	9	28	45
Confirmed ...	2	16	23
Reversed, &c.	7	4	14

The Statement of appeals as given at paragraph 25 of the Session Judge's Report is very satisfactory in the case of Mr. Wheler.

The Court consider that the state of the administration of Criminal Justice in the Zillah of Tipperah is very creditable to the Magistrate, Mr. Annand, an active, zealous, and intelligent Officer.

They observe that Mr. Wheler's character stands high as a zealous and able Magistrate, and they have no doubt that the Magisterial duties of the District under his charge will be efficiently discharged.

The duties of the Sessions Court were very efficiently performed by the late Session Judge, Mr. C. Cardew.

Dacca.

18. The Court concur with the Session Judge in thinking that the general state of Criminal Justice in the District of Dacca is shown in a favorable light by the Statements now before them. Mr. Allen is a zealous and intelligent Officer, and has conducted the duties of the Magistracy during the period he has hold his present office, in a creditable manner.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr R. M Skinner officiated as Magistrate from 1st January to 26th May, Mr W. H Fergusson from 27th May to 18th June, and Mr. W. J Allen from 19th June to the end of the year.

Mr. Loch was Joint Magistrate up to 22d December, when he gave over charge to Mr. Macdonald.

Sessions Court.

Mr J. F. G. Cooke, Session Judge. He was absent on leave for four weeks.

The Magistrate derived material assistance from the Uncovenanted Judges in the disposal of Criminal cases.

The duties of the Joint Magistracy of Furreedpore, were efficiently performed by Mr. Loch.

The Court have much reason to be satisfied with the attention paid by Mr. Cooke and afterwards by Mr. Loughnan to the duties of the Sessions Court, which have for the most part been correctly and efficiently discharged.

Chittagong.

19. It appears to the Court that the number of acquittals in commitments to the Sessions Court is rather large.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. A. Sconce, Magistrate, Mr. R B. Garrett was Joint Magistrate until 15th February, when he was relieved by Mr. Young, who made over charge of the Office on 16th June to Mr Wheler.

Sessions Court.

Mr J. B. Ogilvy was officiating Session Judge until December, when Mr. Skipwith was appointed.

The remarks of the Session Judge at the 8th paragraph of his Report are very creditable both to Mr. Sconce, the Magistrate, and to the Joint Magistrate, Mr. Fergusson.

'The number of cases decided by the Magistrate Mr Sconce during the year is 69 The cases that have come before me in appeal have evinced great care and the most patient investigation, and his decisions are for the most part very satisfactory. Mr Fergusson, Joint Magistrate, took charge of his Office on the 1st July 1841 and has decided during the year 216 cases. The decisions that have come before me are, for the most part, excellent, but one or two evinced a little haste.'

Backergunge.

20. The result of the commitments as shown by the marginal statement at paragraph 32d of the Session Judge's Report, is highly creditable to the judgment of the committing Officer.

Magistrate's Court.

Messrs. H. C Halkett and C B. Trevor were successively in charge of the Magistrate's Office.

Sessions Court.

Mr N. Garrett was Session Judge until 14th April, Mr B Golding from 14th April to 1st November, Mr H C. Halkett from 1st November to 2d December, and Mr. R. J. Loughnan from 2d December to the close of the year.

Prisoners convicted and punished,	82
Acquitted and released,	8
Died,	4
Remaining under trial,	12
	100

Particulars of sentences of the above.

Imprisonment for 14 years and upwards,	8
Ditto ,, 7 ditto ditto,	19
Ditto ,, 3 ditto ditto,	52
Ditto ,, 1 ditto ditto,	3
	82

Acquitted and discharged,	In 1840	In 1841.
Before Magistrate and Joint Magistrate,	320	350
Ditto Assistant and Principal Sudder Ameen and Sudder Ameen,	80	108
	400	458
Committed by Magistrate and Joint Magistrate,	107	102
Punished by ditto ditto,	1209	1056
Ditto Assistant and Principal Sudder Ameen and Sudder Ameen,	488	447
Total Committed and Convicted,	1804	1605

With reference to the comparative statement exhibited in the margin at paragraph 36 of the Session Judge's Report, the Court have no fault to find with the result of the convictions and acquittals.

Note The Court deferred any expression of their opinion in regard to the administration of the Magisterial duties of the District by Mr Halkett, until the receipt of further information which has not yet been received.

The heavy duties of the Sessions Court were very creditably performed by Messrs. Garrett, Golding and Loughnan during the year under review.

Jessore.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. A. Turnbull officiated as Magistrate from 1st January to 10th October, and Mr. C Steer from 11th October to the close of the year.

Sessions Court

Mr H. Swetenham was Session Judge until December, when Mr. E Bental was appointed

21. The Court observe that the result of convictions and acquittals is satisfactory.

The Court consider that the business pending was heavy, and larger than they can think to be consistent with a ready attention to the cases brought before the Magistrate.

The Court observe that the result of the commitments is very satisfactory and creditable to the judgment of the committing Officers Messrs. Turnbull and Steer.

The Court are satisfied with the manner in which the duties of the Magistracy were discharged during the past year by Messrs. Turnbull and Steer, and of the Sessions Court by Mr. Swetenham.

Nuddeah.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. Chas. Whitmore conducted the Office of Magistrate until 10th February, when Mr. Jas. Alexander took charge of it, and continued to the end of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr. J. C Brown, Session Judge. He was absent on leave for ten days.

22. The proportion of convictions to acquittals is satisfactory.

Taking into account the number referred to the Nizamut Adawlut the result of the commitments is satisfactory.

The Statements show that Mr. Alexander, the late Magistrate, was very attentive to his duties, which for the most part were efficiently discharged. The same remark applies to the proceedings of Mr. Brown the Session Judge.

24-*Pergunnahs.*

23. The Court consider the duties of the Session Judgeship and Magistracy of the 24-Pergunnahs were very satisfactorily performed by Messrs. Patton and Torrens respectively, the Session Judge and Magistrate of the District. Mr. Trevor, the Joint Magistrate of Baraset, has also conducted the duties of his office in a very satisfactory manner.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. R Torrens, Magistrate, and Mr. C. B. Trevor, Joint Magistrate.

Sessions Court.

Mr J H. Patton, Session Judge. He was on leave for twenty days.

Hooghly.

24. The Court consider the proportion of convictions and acquittals to be satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. G. P. Leycester, Magistrate.

Sessions Court.

Mr B Golding relieved Mr. R Barlow on 1st February and continued until 15th March, when he made over charge of the Office to Mr. F. W. Russell.

The Returns on the whole are satisfactory and creditable to Mr. Leycester, who is a very zealous and intelligent Officer.

The Court have much reason to be satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Russell has conducted the duties of the Sessions Court.

East Burdwan.

25. The comparative Statement given in the margin shows the number of persons convicted, acquitted and committed during the last three years. Taking into consideration the number of commitments, the Court consider the results to be satisfactory.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr E E. Woodcock was Magistrate until 5th October, Mr C. D. Russell from 6th to 14th October, and Mr. Turnbull from 15th October to the end of the year

Sessions Court.

Mr J. Dunbar from 1st January to 17th February, Mr. J. Shaw from 17th February to 20th November, when Mr. Golding received charge of the Session Judge's Office and continued in it till the end of the year.

Year.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Committed
1839	579	266	78
1840	874	235	109
1841	1171	367	88

'With regard to the assistance I have received from the Native Judicial Officers I have great pleasure in rendering testimony to their efficiency. The Principal Sudder Ameen, Syed Jonab Allee, has disposed of as many cases as the heavy Civil duties entrusted to him would permit. Moolvee Ghulam Ashruff has decided a very considerable number of cases, and as far as I have been able to judge, his decisions show great care and ability. Both he and Syed Jonab Allee have been mentioned in most favorable terms by my predecessor in a former Report, and I certainly consider them competent to exercise the special powers mentioned in Clause 3, Regulation III. of 1821, should the plan contemplated in the Circular of the Sudder Nizamut No 3707 of the 15th October last, come into play Kazee Russool Buksh and Oopender Chunder Nairuttun have both left this District and had the reputation of being talented Officers. Syed Ooseman Allee only joined just before the close of the year. I cannot let this opportunity pass by without recording my satisfaction at the attention paid to his duties by Mr Assistant Abercrombie. The amount of business disposed of by him, and the way in which it has been conducted is exceedingly creditable considering he has only joined the appointment within the last six months. I have once before recommended his getting the special powers.'

The Magistrate employed the Native Judicial Officers to a great extent in the disposal of petty criminal cases, and they consider his remarks as contained at paragraph 18 of his letter to the Session Judge, highly creditable to those Officers.

The Court have perused the expression of the Magistrate's opinion respecting Mr. Abercrombie with much satisfaction.

The result of the appeals from Mr. Woodcock's orders is not good. In the case of Mr. Turnbull however it is more favorable.

The number of acquittals in commitments made by Mr. Woodcock, was large. The result of Mr. Turnbull's commitments is very favorable, only one prisoner having been acquitted, evincing the exercise of great judgment in making the commitments.

'I have remarked above my satisfaction with Mr Abercrombie's attention to his duties, the quantity of work disposed of by him, and the result of the appeals therefrom being very creditable, and have now only to add, that the late Law Officer, Moolvee Golam Ushruff, has given me every satisfaction in that capacity, and has shown, by the Returns made, that he has rendered active assistance to the Magistrates in the disposing of a large number of petty offences, &c and that he is fully deserving of the testimony borne to his abilities by my Predecessor Mr. J. Shaw.'

The remarks at the conclusion of the 17th paragraph of the Session Judge's Report are highly creditable to Mr. Abercrombie and Moolvee Gholam Ushruff.

The Returns and Report of the Session Judge show that great attention has been paid by Mr. Turnbull to the duties of the Magistracy and that they have been discharged in a very efficient manner. The Court confidently rely on Mr. Turnbull using his best exertions to improve the general administration of Criminal Justice, especially in the matter of the apprehension of persons by the Police on insufficient grounds.

The duties of the Sessions Court have been very efficiently performed by Messrs. Shaw and Golding, both of them are Officers of tried merit. Mr. Shaw has been promoted to a temporary Judgeship in the Sudder Court.

West Burdwan.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. C J H. Graham has officiated until 9th June when Mr. R P. Harrison took charge and continued till the close of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr F Gouldsbury was Session Judge until July, when Mr. W N Garrett was appointed.

26. The Returns, as well as the Report of the Session Judge show that Mr. Harrison is a zealous and intelligent Officer, but that he is in some measure wanting in that deference for the authority of his superior, which is essential to the right performance of official duties of whatever character. The Court trust that a little more experience will show an improvement in this respect on the part of the Joint Magistrate.

The Court have every reason to be satisfied with the manner in which the duties of the Session Court have been performed by Messrs. Gouldsbury and Garrett.

Beerbhoom.

27. The general result of convictions and acquittals is very satisfactory; and evinces that a proper check is maintained in regard to the apprehension of persons charged with criminal offences.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. H. Alexander was Magistrate until 26th February, and Mr. C. Whitmore from that date to the close of the year.

Sessions Court.

Mr. J. H. D'Oyly was Session Judge up to the 22d November, when he obtained leave of absence.

The number of persons under trial, together with the quantity of business actually pending at the close of the year, are very satisfactory, and shew that the business of the District is promptly attended to.

The Court concur with the Session Judge in considering the result of the appeals favorable both to Mr Alexander and Mr. Whitmore.

The result of the commitments to the Sessions Court is creditable to the judgment of the Magistrate.

The Magistrate employed the Law Officers of the District to some extent in the disposal of petty criminal cases. The manner in which these officers have discharged their duties is creditable to them.

The reasons assigned by the Magistrate in his letter of the 2d December last, to the address of the Session Judge, for not referring criminal cases to the Principal Sudder Ameen, are not sufficient, especially as the Court observe that efficient assistance has been rendered to the Magistrates of several other Districts by Principal Sudder Ameens, who have more to do on the civil side than the Principal Sudder Ameen of Beerbhoom.

'I beg leave to observe that the reason of my not having referred any criminal cases to the Principal Sudder Ameen for decision was in consequence of that officer's time being fully occupied in the Civil Court since the year 1838, no criminal cases have been made over to the Principal Sudder Ameen, as it was found that so many remained on the file undecided, and the Magistrate Mr. Stainforth, then passed an order that for the future no cases should be referred to that officer for trial, as he was unable to dispose of them, his time being otherwise employed.'

The administration of Criminal justice in the District of Beerbhoom is in a very satisfactory state, and is highly creditable to the Magistrate Mr. Whitmore, an officer of steady zeal and activity, and who has evidently conducted the duties of the Magistracy with much discretion and judgment. There was no arrear of business at the close of the year, and the Statements show that there was no delay in disposing of the cases brought before the Magistrate.

In regard to Mr. D'Oyly, the Session Judge, but few remarks are required. He has fully maintained his previous high character, and has recently been appointed a Special Commissioner under Regulation III. of 1828.

Moorshedabad.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr W. H. Elliott, Magistrate.

Sessions Court.

Mr. F W. Russell was Session Judge until 2d March, when Mr. H. P. Russell relieved him and continued till the close of the year.

28. The Court consider the general result in regard to persons apprehended, acquitted and convicted, to be satisfactory.

They concur with the Session Judge that the number of persons under examination at the close of the year is creditable to the Magistrate.

'The commitments made by Mr. Elliott to this Court, during the past year, were exceedingly correct. Every care was taken in their preparation before commitment. The Superior Court will observe that the number of acquittals corresponds with the number of convictions. The greater portion of the acquittals occurred in three cases.'

The remarks of the Session Judge regarding the commitments made by Mr. Elliott, are creditable to that Officer.

'Mr Elliott's character as a Public Officer stands so high that any thing I could add, could not enhance it I may be permitted however, to say that his zeal and activity are only equalled by his judgment and temper, and that I have derived the highest gratification from the regularity of all his proceedings which have come under my notice. The quiet and good order of this troublesome District compared to what it was some few years back, is wholly attributable to the exertions of the present Magistrate, and those who have had the good fortune to be placed under him since Mr. Littledale's departure. Mr Elliott has had but such limited aid as Mr. H H Russell has been able to afford him Mr Russell however, has lately been invested with special powers under Section 2, Regulation III 1821, and will therefore be of very great assistance to Mr. Elliott in the discharge of his arduous duties.'

The Report of the Session Judge is a very creditable document, and the Court have perused with much satisfaction the testimony borne by him to the high character of Mr. Elliott as a Magistrate.

With Mr. Russell's proceedings as Session Judge, the Court have every reason to be perfectly satisfied.

Midnapore.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr. Shakespear was Magistrate throughout the year. He was absent from 24th September to 24th December, during which Mr. Ward officiated. Mr Radcliffe was Joint Magistrate from 8th March to 12th September

Sessions Court.

Mr R E. Cunliffe officiated until 20th July, when Mr. J. Dunbar was appointed.

29. The Court have much reason to be satisfied with the manner in which Mr. Cunliffe has conducted the duties of the Sessions Court.

Cuttack, Khoorda and Balasore.

Magistrate's Court.

Mr G. G Mackintosh officiated as Magistrate from 9th January, (on which date he took charge of the office, from Mr. O. W Malet,) to the end of the year Messrs. D Cunliffe and E T. Trevor exercised successively the powers of Joint Magistrate.

The late Mr. Ewart was Magistrate of Pooree from 1st January to 31st July, and Mr. O. W Malet officiated from 1st August to the close of the year.

Mr E Repton was Joint Magistrate of Balasore from 1st January to the 24th December, when Mr. T Young received charge.

Sessions Court.

Messrs H V Hathorn, J Grant and W H Brownlow were Session Judges of Cuttack and Khoorda. Mr. A J M. Mills Commissioner of Balasore.

30. The Court concur with the Commissioner in considering the proportion of convictions to acquittals, in Cuttack, to be satisfactory.

The result of the commitments is very satisfactory, and shows much judgment on the part of the committing Officer.

The remarks at paragraph 12, of the Commissioner's Report, are very creditable to Messrs. Mackintosh and Trevor, and are fully supported by the Returns now before them.

'The following extracts from my Police Report for the last six months of 1841, referring to the official conduct of Messrs. Mackintosh and Trevor may be here quoted.'

"The Magistrate has visited five of his Thannahs during the half year, and since it's termination, Mr Mackintosh continues to merit the favorable notice of Government. He is a most industrious and zealous Officer, and has, in the performance of his duties given much satisfaction." "Mr. Trevor officiated as Joint Magistrate during the half year Mr. Mackintosh says, 'Mr Trevor has afforded me most efficient assistance, and his zeal, industry, and excellent performance of his duty have given me the greatest satisfaction.' The testimony is well merited I look upon Mr. Trevor as an officer, possessing sound judgment, and a good knowledge of the Regulations, and fully qualified to discharge the duties of the higher appointment"

The Court concur with the Commissioner that the proportion of convictions to acquittals, both in heinous and petty offences, (in the Joint Magistracy of Balasore,) is very satisfactory. They also concur with the Commissioner that the results of the commitments are much to the credit of the committing officer Mr. Repton. They consider the remarks at paragraph 23 of the Commissioner's Report, much to the credit of Mr. Repton, who is a zealous and efficient Officer.

'Mr. Repton has, unassisted by a Covenanted Officer, excepting from the 1st of January to the 20th of February, (during which time Mr Dalrymple exercised the powers of Joint Magistrate) performed the duties of Magistrate with great efficiency He is an able and zealous Officer, and I regret to add that illness, occasioned by over work has now compelled him to take leave of absence. Mr T Young has been since deputed to act as Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector.'

The ratio of convictions to acquittals, both in heinous and petty offences (in the Joint Magistracy of Khoorda) is satisfactory.

With reference to the Statement of appeals given at paragraph 33 of the Commissioner's Report, the Court consider the number of reversals to be large; but the Commissioner says that he is fully satisfied with the manner in which the Officers in charge of the Magisterial duties conducted the proceedings of their Court.

Criminal Trials.

Names of deciding Officers.	Confirmed.	Modified or Reversed	Pending.
Mr. J. K Ewart	7	8	0
" O W. Malet,.....	9	5	2
" E T. Trevor Officiating Joint Magistrate,	0	2	0
Total,.....	16	15	2
Miscellaneous Cases.			
Mr J K Ewart, ...	16	13	0
" O W. Malet, ...	4	5	2
Total	20	18	2

The result of the commitments is very creditable to the judgment of the committing Officers.

The testimony borne by Mr. Malet, as stated at paragraph 39 of the Commissioner's Report, to the industry and attention of Mr. R. N. Shore, a young Officer of high merit, is very creditable to him.

'I have every reason to be satisfied with the assistance given me by Mr. R N. Shore; besides those cases in the Statements given as his decisions, he has prepared, either wholly or in part, nearly all the Act IV cases and some others; within the last 6 months. 29 cases of his have been appealed, in 20 of which I have confirmed his orders, and negatived it in 9 He is most industrious and attentive to Cutcherry, and deserves great credit for the way in which he has mastered the difficulties of learning to read and write the Ooriah character, without, as I believe, the assistance of any one.'

The Report of the Commissioner is, a clear, complete and very creditable document. It is very favorable, as already noticed, to the Magisterial authorities of Cuttack, Balasore and Khoorda, who have severally conducted the duties of their Offices in a very efficient and satisfactory manner.

Messrs. Mills and Hathorn, respectively the Commissioner and late Session Judge of Cuttack, have performed their duties in the Criminal Department with their usual marked efficiency.

31. The Court have not expressed any opinion in regard to the Magistrate of Midnapore. With reference to the letter of Government, No. 164, dated 25th January last, the Court have deemed it advisable to await the result of the present year's administration of Criminal justice in that District.

32. The Comparative Abstracts at the foot of the several Statements obviate the necessity of any further remarks regarding them.

33. The Court trust that the Statements and Returns will be found generally correct and satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. HAWKINS, *Register.*